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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE  
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Sir:

A corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application is respectfully requested for the above-identified application.

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Transmittal of Priority Document) was also filed when the application was entered in the U.S. National Stage on January 14, 2005.

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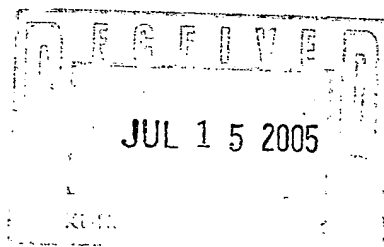


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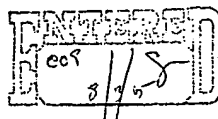
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- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/14/2005
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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
Int.Cl.<sup>7</sup> A61M1/28

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.Cl.<sup>7</sup> A61M1/14-1/36

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1926-1996 Toroku Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1994-2003

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	EP 980685 A2 (Nissho Corp.), 23 February, 2000 (23.02.00), Full text; all drawings & JP 2000-72658 A	1-6, 10, 11
Y	EP 1197236 A2 (Fresenius Medical Care Deutschland GmbH.); 17 April, 2002 (17.04.02), Full text; all drawings & JP 2002-159570 A & DE 10049900 C	1-6, 10, 11

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Title of Invention: PERITONEAL DIALYZER AND METHOD OF PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

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☒ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Assertion of Entitlement to Small Entity Status

☒ English Translation of Specification, Claims & Abstract (26 pages)

☒ Formal Drawings (1 sheet, Figs. 1-2)

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